

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANS ASIAN RAILWAY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Trans Asian Railway link project;
- (b) the names of countries through which the proposed rail link is passing; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Railways for globalisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Trans-Asian Railway (TAR) Project, conceived by the UN-ESCAP as a component of the Asian Land Transport Infrastructure Development Project of ESCAP, is still at a conceptual stage. The TAR project as envisaged includes three rail-land bridges connecting Europe to China, South East Asia and South Asia. India is to form part of the Southern Corridor, which passes through Bulgaria, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China/Thailand - Cambodia/Malaysia and Singapore.

A report highlighting the alignment and other bilateral issues concerning TAR was published by ESCAP in 1999.

Further action for taking Cabinet approval on the various issues involved is being taken by the Ministry of Commerce, which is the nodal ministry for this purpose.